



# DFIRS NEWS

## Delaware Fire Incident Reporting System

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### Message from the Program Manager

At the end of October, a DFIRS Fire Department Assessment Form was mailed to each department Chief. The purpose of this form is to obtain department information relating to incident reporting. This information is **essential** in order to offer the proper assistance to the local fire departments.

I would like to thank the following departments for completing and returning the DFIRS Fire Department Assessment Form:

- Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder Co
- Bethany Beach Fire Co
- Brandywine Hundred Fire Co
- Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Co
- Christiana Fire Co
- Citizen's Hose Co #1 Inc
- Clayton Fire Co #1 Inc
- Cranston Heights Fire Co
- Delaware City Fire Co
- Delmar Fire Dept Inc
- Farmington Fire Co
- Felton Community Fire Co
- Frederica Volunteer Fire Co
- Greenwood Volunteer Fire Co
- Harrington Fire Co Inc
- Indian River Volunteer Fire Co
- Laurel Fire Dept Inc
- Leipsic Volunteer Fire Co
- Lewes Fire Dept Inc
- Little Creek Volunteer Fire Co
- Magnolia Volunteer Fire Co
- Mill Creek Fire Co
- Millville Volunteer Fire Co
- Rehoboth Beach Vol Fire Co
- Roxana Volunteer Fire Co
- Seaford Volunteer Fire Dept Inc
- Selbyville Volunteer Fire Co
- Volunteer Hose Co
- Wilmington Fire Department

If your department name is not listed, please complete and return the Assessment Form as soon as possible. If your form has been misplaced a new form can be obtained by contacting Crystal Beach at (302) 739-5665 or via the Internet at:

<http://www.state.de.us/sfmo/dfirsinfo.htm>

### Training Schedule

In the November newsletter the first federally sponsored Delaware Fire Incident Reporting System training was announced. We have received a high level of interest and thank the following departments that have registered for training:

- Cheswold Volunteer Fire Co
- Christiana Fire Co
- Citizen's Hose Co #1 Inc
- Clayton Fire Co #1 Inc
- Cranston Heights Fire Co
- Dagsboro Fire Co
- Elsmere Fire Co #1 Inc
- Farmington Fire Co
- Felton Community Fire Co
- Harrington Fire Co Inc
- Magnolia Volunteer Fire Co
- North Bowers Fire Co
- Rehoboth Beach Vol Fire Co
- Seaford Volunteer Fire Dept Inc
- Selbyville Volunteer Fire Co
- Volunteer Hose Co

In case you missed the November newsletter, NFIRS 5.0 training details are as follows:

#### *Place:*

State of Delaware OIS Learning Center, Dover, DE  
for directions visit:

<http://www.state.de.us/sfmo/transked.htm>

#### *Date:*

January 5 – 6, 2002      8:00 am – 4:00 pm

#### *Course Prerequisites:*

Electronic Incident Reports must commence by February 1, 2002.

#### *Distributed Materials:*

- Completed FDID Listing
- Print out of NFIRS Internet Tutorial
- Quick Reference Guide
- NFIRS V5.0 Software
- Contact Information for Technical Support

## REPORT ON THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through its United States Fire Administration (USFA), has successfully completed the initiation and awards phase of the FY 2001 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. In a nine-month period, FEMA/USFA created and administered a new grant program that was unlike anything the Agency had previously undertaken. Between July 23 and September 30, 2001, FEMA/USFA awarded 1,855 grants to local fire departments throughout the country, and 31 grants to fire service organizations, for a total of 1,886 grants worth \$96,586,668.

To obtain additional grant information visit the USFA web site at [www.usfa.fema.gov/grants](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/grants).

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**Congratulations 2001 Delaware Grant Recipients:**

- Wilmington Fire Department \$7,350.00
- Wilmington Fire Department \$71,015.00
- Little Creek Fire Department \$54,000.00

*How to sign up:*

Contact Crystal Beach for further details.

### How can local fire departments use incident reports?

- Identification of trends in the number of calls to the fire department, the types of calls made, and the origin of calls. This information may be used for planning station relocations, expansions, and additions.
- Justification of fire department financial request. The system will allow the fire department to count, for example, the number of brush fires to which it has responded, identify whether the trend is upward or downward, and then make an assessment as to whether the department requires additional equipment.

### Congratulations!

#### The following departments are active electronic DFIRS participants:

1. Indian River Volunteer Fire Co
2. Lewes Fire Department Inc
3. Bethany Beach Fire Co
4. Little Creek Volunteer Fire Co

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED  
**OFFICIAL INFORMATION – TIME SENSITIVE**

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«ADDRESS»  
«CITY», «STATE» «POSTALCODE»